

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *Baptized in Water* TFWS #2248

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

May the Triune God, whose presence surrounds you always and everywhere, bless you with the deep assurance that you are never alone. In the waters, in the fires, in the far corners of the world, God is with us. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
by Benton Price

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



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**Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025**

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10 a.m.

January 12, 2025

PRELUDE *I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone*
by Johann Pachelbel

INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Come to US* CUMC Adult Choir
by Jacques Berthier

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN *"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"* UMH #152

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

All: I will be with you.

One: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

All: I will be with you.

One: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

All: I will be with you.

One: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

All: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, we gather amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the words of our creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

A SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Who's in Charge?" Debbie Holland

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT See Insert

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As we bring our offerings before God, we remember the baptism of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit descending like a dove.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hungerin' In My Soul* CUMC Adult Choir
by Pepper Choplin

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95